# PRIVATE SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOLS ANNUAL APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL 2010-2011 INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION

Print "Instructions" and "Required Documents".

Download the application to your computer and save as a Word Document.

Complete application form as required. <u>Be sure to address each item fully</u>.

#### Section One Administrative Information

- -Be sure that all contact information, mailing address, fax number(s) and administrator information is <u>current</u> and valid. The contact information will be posted on the Arizona Department of Education website and provided to school districts, charter schools and other interested parties.
- -Be sure to include email addresses for all significant contacts. Most communication from the Arizona Department of Education is in electronic form.
- -Check the appropriate box. In order to be a qualified administrator, one of three conditions must be met.
  - 1) The administrator has a current Arizona administrator's certification.
  - 2) The administrator has current special education certification <u>and</u> has experience in teaching special education.
  - 3) The administrator has been grandfathered without certification under approval of the Arizona Department of Education.
- -If you provide a website address, it will appear as a link on the ADE webpage.

# Section Two State of Assurances

-Review the statement of assurances carefully, then have an authorized representative sign and date it. Please be fully aware that the statement of assurances is a binding, legal document. Any violation of the terms agreed upon will result in immediate removal from the state-approved vendor list.

### Section Three Provision of Services

- -Be sure to indicate <u>all</u> disability categories that will be accepted and served. Failure to do so will cause problems for the sending districts and will interfere with their ability to receive funding.
- -Approval is based on <u>current</u>, <u>Arizona</u>, teaching certifications. For example, the state-approved private day school may wish to accept students with autism, but if the teachers do not have cross-categorical certification or documented training in autism, approval for that category will not be issued.

### Section Four School Site Information

- -Make sure that all contact information is current.
- -Check the appropriate box. If the site has both a private school <u>and</u> a residential program, please submit a separate school site information page for <u>each</u> program.
- -Indicate <u>all</u> grade levels that will be accepted and served. Failure to do so will cause problems for the sending districts and will interfere with their ability to receive funding.

# Section Five Certified Staff List

- -Remember that all students placed through the IEP process must be served with a student-teacher ratio no greater than 8-1 or 12-1 with a paraprofessional.
- -Student age ranges in the classroom must be no greater than 4 years, unless prior approval to exceed this range has been granted by the Arizona Department of Education on a case specific basis.
- -When completing this section, make sure to separate staff by <u>site</u> assignments. If a staff member serves students at more than one site (SLP, OT, PT), include them on <u>each</u> site's list.
- -Only include staff with special education certification or related services.
- -Remember that any staffing additions or deletions must be submitted on this form <u>within 10 days</u> of any change. <u>Failure to do so is a violation of the statement of assurances.</u>

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